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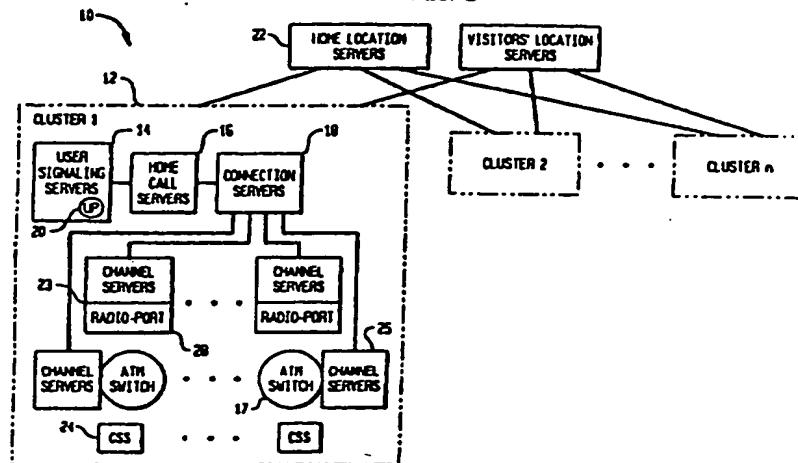
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(54) Based migrating user agents for personal communication services

(57) The present invention is a user process that resides in network nodes to act as an agent for the mobile terminals in PCS environments. The user process handles all negotiation and complex signaling functions for the user, thus reducing the amount of signaling traffic that must travel over the valuable air interface. To achieve low call establishment times the user process is migrated as users move. Three embodiments of mechanisms for migrating the user process are disclosed. The NAIIVE approach enables the amount of data

size to be transferred to be optimized, leading to low overhead. This approach also provides flexibility when migrating across heterogeneous environments. A second alternative, termed the TERN approach, is promising for cases when the program is compute intensive and asynchronous migration is essential. The last approach considered, Condor, provides high reliability in the form of checkpointing, but incurs a high migration delay and has high memory requirements for the network processors.

FIG. 1





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